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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: PROPERTY TAX APPEALS SETTLEMENTS SOONER THAN LATER

Today, the Honolulu City Council passed Bill 10 (2005), introduced by Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki to Hawaii Kai), allowing the director of budget and fiscal services to settle certain real property tax appeals. By allowing the budget director authority to settle property tax appeals, it will alleviate some of the backlog and offer an expedited resolution which has sometimes taken several years.

Djou stated, "With the recent hefty spike in real property assessments, Oahu residents are financially burdened with paying significantly higher property tax compared to previous years. Property tax appeals as far back as 1999(?) are still pending, but settlements can be offered much sooner rather than waiting up to several years before the appeal is even heard before the Tax Board of Appeals. I am pleased that the Honolulu City Council recognizes this problem and is moving to ease the stress on the taxpayers by offering an alternative to settle their real property tax appeals faster."

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